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SUBJECT: SENATOR BAYH'S MEETINGS IN NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER
23-24, 2004

Classified By: Charge Robert O. Blake, Reasons 1.4 (B,D).

[11](#). (C) Summary: In a series of senior level GOI meetings on November 23-24 during a private visit to India, Senator Evan Bayh (D-Indiana) met with F.M. NATWAR SINGH

[12](#). (C) Indo-US Relations: After welcoming Senator Bayh, Foreign Minister Singh hailed the good momentum in Indo-Pak relations. Infiltration The FM predicted Indo-U.S. relations will continue to improve. But he told the Senator he wanted to flag one concern. He predicted any sale

[13](#). (C) NRIs: Singh praised the success of non-resident Indians in the United States. He recounted how Indian steel tycoon Lakshmi Mittal

[14](#). (C) No Clash of Civilizations: In response to a question from Senator Bayh about radical Islam, the FM noted proudly that India had provided F.S. SHYAM SARAN

[15](#). (C) Indo-US Relations: Saran welcomed the Senator by noting that he had just returned from a productive visit in the United States, during which The FS also recounted the potential for technology cooperation and co-production in the areas of information, defense, and bio-technology.

[16](#). (C) IPR: Senator Bayh noted that India's emphasis on innovation would require a strong IPR regime, which would find favor among potential

[17](#). (C) Indo-Pak Relations: In response to Senator Bayh's question about Pakistan PM Aziz's visit, Saran began by noting while infiltration In response to the Senator's question about the internal situation in Pakistan, Saran said Pakistan should have faith in its people and that NSA J.N. DIXIT

[18](#). (C) Indo-US Relations: Dixit characterized Indo-US relations as on the right track. On the economic and technological side, he said India

[19](#). (C) Iran: Dixit took the opportunity to urge that the United States not pursue too punitive a policy with Iran as that would only strengt

[110](#). (U) Senator Bayh's staff cleared this cable.
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